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about Cotuit. I saw no other species of *Lechea* abundant there; though *L. major*, Mchx., and *L. thymifolia*, Pursh, (*L. Novae-Caesareae*, Austin), are found in the vicinity. *L. maritima* was constantly under my eyes, but I never saw the flowers opened, till on a bleak, sunless day, during a northeasterly gale, about the 18th of August, I noticed that the *Lecheas* in a hollow through which I was passing were all in bloom. So different was the aspect of the plant, that it at once arrested attention. The next day, and the next, I found other patches in bloom, patches with which I was familiar, as they were near the house. Rosa, a child of ten, who knew pin-weed quite well, brought me a piece of the full-blown plant to learn its name. She did not recognize it in its new dress. The small petals were of a brownish-red, but the conspicuous stigmas were white with a yellowish tinge. This is the only time I have seen *Lechea* in full bloom.

W. H. L.

§ 113. **A large Grape-vine.**—In a wooded ravine near Egbertville, Staten Island, there is a vine of *Vitis cordifolia*, Michx., having a circumference of twenty-five and one-half inches at a point three feet above its base. It completely covers three cedar trees, each at least thirty feet high, and is a very beautiful plant.

N. L. B.

§ 114. **Cheilanthes myriophylla**, Desv.—I desire specimens of this fern, *with root-stocks*, from Mexico or South America, for a special study of the *Myriophylla-Fendleri* group of *Cheilanthes*.

I will be glad to communicate with any one who can put me in the way of obtaining them, and to return specimens of other species in exchange. Address,

Medford, Mass., U. S. A.

GEO. E. DAVENPORT.

§ 115. **Woodsia obtusa**, Torrey.—I would like to obtain some full suites of specimens of this species in different stages of development, from the Middle, Southern, or South-western States, and will be glad to make such exchanges for them as I can.

Medford, Mass.

GEO. E. DAVENPORT.

§ 116. **Botanical Notes.**—*A Locomotive Dicotyledon.*—An interesting case of voluntary motion among dicotyledonous plants, in a species of *Loranthus*, has been discovered by Dr. G. Watt, of the Educational Department, Bengal Lower Provinces, and made known in a recent number of the *Gardeners' Chronicle*. It is only while the seed is germinating that the motion takes place, but the mode of travelling is very peculiar and quite different from that of any other known plant. The plant is a native of Bengal, and like all other members of the genus is parasitical, growing upon a few evergreen trees, particularly upon some species of *Memecylon*. The fruit, like that of its relative, the mistletoe, and nearly all other members of the order, consists of a mass of very viscid pulp surrounding a single seed, and on separating from the parent plant adheres to whatever it may chance to fall upon, and after a time begins to germinate. It is